



CANINE-ALITY™ ASSESSMENT



Date: _____ Evaluated by: Polly Dog's Name: Buster
ID#: A020914 Age: 1yr. Breed Type: Pit Bull
Sex: Male Neutered Male Female Spayed Female
Total Points: 16 Color: Green Canine-ality Description: Green Go-Getter

#1: GREETING TEST. Bring a leash and greet the dog at the kennel gate. Enter the dog's kennel and shut the door behind you. Greet the dog with patting and a high-pitched happy voice while standing as straight as possible. (Test is done off leash.) Continue for up to 20 seconds, or until dog ceases greeting, and choose from the following responses:

- The dog gleefully jumps and pounces on you..... 3 points
- The dog jumps on you but ceases quickly 2 points
- The dog jumps and pounces around you, but does not put his paws on you 2 points
- The dog keeps all four feet on the ground but is still exuberant 1 point
- The dog gives a low tail wag, puts his ears back and seems to enjoy the greeting 0 points
- The dog moves to the back of the run and avoids you. (What does it mean? This dog is likely to be very fearful and may require special placement.) **ALERT SUPERVISOR!** This dog may need behavior modification and will need socialization before being placed for adoption.

SCORE #1: 3

NOTES:

**BEFORE PROCEEDING TO TEST #2, TAKE THE DOG OUTSIDE
AND PROVIDE HIM AN OPPORTUNITY TO RELIEVE HIMSELF**

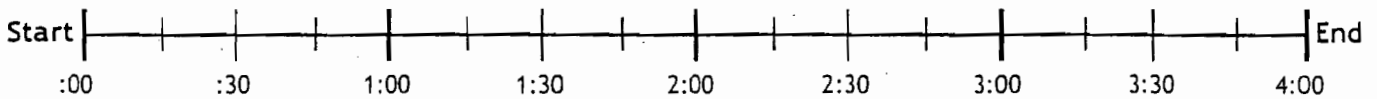
Did the dog urinate? Yes No Did the dog defecate? Yes No

#2: LEFT ALONE TEST. Take the dog into a room and leave him there alone. Observe the dog's behavior on the TV/audio baby monitor for four minutes.

Use the time-line below to measure the total amount of time the dog moves around the room. Each time the dog sits or lies down write "↓" at that point on the time line. Write "↑" each time the dog stands up and/or moves around the room. (Remember to mark the dog's initial position at START.)

Next, add up the total amount of time the dog moved about the room.

Then choose the appropriate option for the Duration section of the test.



Choose from the following responses:

2A) DURATION – Dog moves about the room:

- One minute or less 0 points
- Between 1 and 2 minutes 1 point
- Between 2 and 3 minutes 2 points
- Remains active for more than 3 minutes 3 points

2B) BEHAVIOR – The dog does the following (check ALL that apply):

- Dog jumps on chair
- Dog stands on hind legs to jump on wall
- Dog stands on hind legs to reach counter or table
- Dog scratches door
- Dog urinates or defecates
- Dog does other "unruly" behavior. Describe: _____
- Dog focuses on door, whining, scratching door, barking until you return. **ALERT SUPERVISOR!** Possible separation anxiety. Behavior modification strongly recommended prior to and after adoption. Be sure to perform the optional Crate Test.
- None of the above behaviors checked. (Dog only sniffs about the room) 0 points
- Only one of the above behaviors checked 2 points
- Two or more of the above behaviors checked 3 points
- The dog freezes, hides under furniture or in a corner. **ALERT SUPERVISOR!** This dog may need behavior modification and will need socialization, and is not ready for adoption yet.

2A 3 + 2B 3 = TOTAL SCORE #2: 6

NOTES:

#3: PLAY TEST. Inside a fenced area, take lead off dog and do not attempt to get his attention for 90 seconds. If he comes up to you, give him a smile and a small pat, but otherwise ignore him. After 90 seconds, attempt to engage the dog in a game of fetch. Use a high-pitched voice, body language and a fun toy. Choose from the following responses:

- Dog engages in the game with enthusiasm and continues to play for at least two minutes. 2 points
- Dog engages in the game with enthusiasm but then changes the game to something else such as keep-away, tug, chase, etc. 2 points
- Dog engages in the game but loses interest in toy quickly. Dog then chooses to play nicely with evaluator instead of toy. 2 points
- Dog engages in the game but loses interest quickly. Dog chooses to sniff the ground or engage in some other activity not related to toy or evaluator. 1 point
- Dog chooses to sniff the ground or engage in some other activity not related to toy or evaluator. 0 points
- Dog wags his tail and is interactive with the evaluator, but does not engage in play at all. .. 0 points
- Dog is fearful. If dog does NOT recover, ALERT SUPERVISOR! This dog may need behavior modification and will need socialization before being placed for adoption.

SCORE #3: 2

TOY PREFERENCE: Tennis Ball Tug Toy Squeaky Plush None Other _____

NOTES: loves tug of war

#4: FOOD MOTIVATION TEST. With the dog on a six foot leash, first use a food lure and attempt to teach the dog the rules of the game. Next, attempt to rock the dog back into a sit, or to spin in a circle. Choose from the following responses:

- Dog follows the food lure and after a few repetitions learns the behavior. The dog is focused and responsive. 3 points
- Dog follows the food lure and is enthusiastic, but gets distracted and needs to be redirected several times. 2 points
- Dog follows the food lure once or twice but then quickly "zones out." 1 point
- Dog does not follow food but stays near you and wants to interact. 0 points
- Dog does not follow food nor does he stay near you. 0 points

SCORE #4: 3

This dog appears to know the following behaviors: SIT STAY DOWN COME

NOTES:

5: MANNERS ASSESSMENT. During testing, the dog (check all that apply):

- Jumped on me at times other than during the Greeting Test 2 points
- Pulled on the leash a lot 2 points
- Was rough and a bit difficult to handle, (including mouthing using pressure, grabbing at clothing, body slamming, using forelegs to hit, scratch or hug, or other similar behaviors) 3 points
- Was calm and well-mannered 0 points
- Had lots of energy yet was well-mannered 1 point

SCORE #5: 2

NOTES:

OVERALL SCORE

#1 GREETING SCORE	<u>3</u>
#2 LEFT ALONE SCORE (A + B combined)	<u>6</u>
#3 PLAY SCORE	<u>2</u>
#4 FOOD MOTIVATION SCORE	<u>3</u>
#5 MANNERS SCORE	<u>2</u>
TOTAL SCORE	<u>16</u>

HIGH 21–20–19–18–17–~~16~~–15–14–13–12–11–10–9–8–7–6–5–4–3–2–1–0 EASY

COLOR CODE: GREEN ORANGE PURPLE

GREEN/HIGH: Go-Getter, Life of the Party, Free Spirit

ORANGE/AVERAGE: Goofball, Busy Bee, Wallflower

PURPLE/EASY: Teacher's Pet, Constant Companion, Couch Potato

OPTIONAL: CRATE TEST

6A) EASE – Place dog inside a crate with a rawhide chewie or toy. Choose from the following responses:

- Dog enters willingly
- Dog enters with guidance
- Dog has to be placed inside
- Dog panics, struggles and is very difficult to get inside
- Cannot get dog inside crate

6B) ACCEPTANCE – Leave the dog alone in the crate and exit the room. Observe the dog's behavior on the TV/audio baby monitor for three minutes and check the following:

- Dog circles, investigates crate then sits or lies down
- Dog barks, whines, circles, may paw at crate but eventually settles
- Dog barks, whines, continues to circle or paw at crate, but does NOT settle
- Dog panics, barks, whines, bites at crate, drools and pants heavily
- Other _____

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